

Amendment and Response

Applicant: Ian Colloff et al.

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REMARKS

The following remarks are made in response to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2005. Claim 1 was rejected. Claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice. With this Response, Claims 2-17 have been added. Claims 2-17 are presented for consideration and allowance.

In the Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification because there is no section called Brief Summary of the Invention. The Examiner objected to the specification because of informalities.

Applicants have amended the specification to include a Summary section. With this response, applicants have also corrected the informalities in the specification identified by the Examiner.

In view of the above applicants respectfully request that the objections to the Specification be removed.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by the Soejima et al. U.S. Application Publication No. 2002/0019882.

In this response, Claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice and therefore the rejection no longer applies.

New Claims

New Claims 2-17 have been added in this response. The Soejima et al. Application does not teach or suggest all of the limitations of New Claims 2-17. Furthermore, none of the cited references, alone or in combination, teach or suggest all of the limitations of New Claims 2-17.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the allowance of New Claims 2-17.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that New Claims 2-17 are in form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited reference. Therefore, allowance of New Claims 2-17 is respectfully requested.

No fees are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)(c). However, if such fees are required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0471.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone numbers to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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